

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/701,753	KAWAHARA, ISAO	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/10/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2,4 and 46-58.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on 01 December 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT-EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>8/10/2005</u> 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |
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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Previously Allowed Claims 2, 4, and 46-58 are allowed over the New prior art of record.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Applicant has successfully petitioned for a withdrawal from issue for the purpose of considering the cited reference in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on 8/10/2005. The Applicants arguments filed on 8/10/2005 are persuasive in part. The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the Applicants claimed invention. In particular the feature comprising when S denotes a sum of luminance weights of the plurality of sub-fields and R is within a range from 0 to S, a gray level corresponding to R is expressed by selecting sub-fields whose luminance weights, when added together, are closest to R. The Applicant incorrectly argues that Otaka (JP411052913A) fails to specify the luminance weights of the sub-fields in a construction of displaying a gray level by dividing one TV field into a plurality of sub-fields. As shown in paragraphs 16 and 20 wherein luminance weights and dividing of subfields is discussed, this feature is clearly represented in Otaka. The Applicant argues that Otaka teaches of the number of sustain pulses of the sub-fields but not luminance weight. However, the sustain period is a period for generating display discharge whose number of times corresponds to the luminance weight of the sub-field. Therefore this fact in combination with paragraphs 16 and 20 refutes the Applicants argument on that particular point. However, the Applicants arguments on page 5 with respect to luminance weights being closest to R are persuasive because Otaka fails to teach or suggest this particular feature. Otaka teaches of arbitrarily selecting sub-fields without reference to range or

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maximization to R. Therefore said feature in combination with the other limitations of claim 2 are allowable over the prior art of record. Further, as in previously allowed claims 4 and 54, the prior art of record fails to teach of said luminance weight ratios with respect the coding pattern denoted by K. Therefore said feature in combination with the other limitations of claims 4 and 54 are allowable over the prior art of record.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David L. Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-7673. The examiner can normally be reached on MT and THF from 8 to 5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala, can be reached on (571) 272-7681. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

or faxed to:

(703) 872-9314 (for Technology Center 2600 only)

Hand-delivered responses should be brought to Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, Sixth Floor (Receptionist).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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